GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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PROCESSING OF TOMATOES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the processing of tomatoes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up special processing industries for manufacturing tomato sauce in the country including in Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (b): For promotion of processing of agricultural produce including tomato, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries had been implementing the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries since 8th Plan. Under this scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to the eligible entrepreneurs for the purpose of setting up of food processing industries and upgradation of the existing food processing capacities including processing of tomatoes. During 12th Plan, this Scheme was subsumed in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme − National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 01.04.2012, which was implemented through State/UT Governments. States and UT Governments were given flexibility in receiving the applications and sanctioning grant to the food processing industries based on areas specific needs and availability of the raw materials. However, National Mission on Food Processing has been de-linked from the Central Government support w.e.f. 01.04.2015 in view of the increased allocation to the states resulting from the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India does not set up food processing industries in the country including in Jharkhand. However, under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance has been provided to a number of food processing units in the country including industries manufacturing tomato sauce. The details of financial assistance sanctioned to the food processing units during last three (3) years state-wise, are given in the Annexure.